

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 35, 37, 38, 40, 41, and 43, without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein, and amend Claims 36, 39, and 42 as follows. All claims currently pending in this application, including those not currently being amended, have been reproduced below.

Claims 1 to 35 (Cancelled).

36. (Currently Amended) ~~The method according to claim 35, further~~ A printing method for printing an image using a printer communicating with an image data output device comprising the steps of:

comparing a resolution of an image to be printed with a capability of the printer based upon image additional information;

requesting low quality image data corresponding to the image to be printed of the image data output device in accordance with a result of comparison in said comparing step;

determining a size of the image to be printed; and

requesting image additional information, regarding the low quality image data corresponding to the image to be printed, of the image data output device in accordance with the size of the image to be printed.

Claims 37-38 (Canceled)

39. (Currently Amended) ~~The apparatus according to claim 38, further~~
A printing apparatus communicating with an image data output device comprising:
a comparison unit that compares a resolution of an image to be printed with
a capability of the printer based upon image additional information;
a request unit that requests low quality image data corresponding to the
image to be printed of the image data output device in accordance with a result of a
comparison in said comparison unit;
a determination unit that determines a size of the image to be printed; and
a second request unit that requests image additional information, regarding
the low quality image data corresponding to the image to be printed, of the image data
output device in accordance with the size of the image to be printed.

Claims 40-41 (Canceled)

42. (Currently Amended) ~~The computer readable medium according to~~
~~claims 41, wherein the program code further causes~~ A computer readable medium storing
program code for causing a computer to execute the steps of:
comparing a resolution of an image to be printed with a capability of a
printer connected to an image data output device based upon image additional information;
requesting low quality image data corresponding to the image to be printed
of the image data output device in accordance with a result of comparison in said
comparing step;
determining a size of the image to be printed; and

requesting image additional information, regarding the low quality image data corresponding to the image to be printed, of the image data output device in accordance with the size of the image to be printed.

Claim 43 (Canceled)